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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. PUGH, 33°

We made it! That long sought, constantly hoped for, and always standing out as an objective to be reached, was at last achieved. We had the 200 candidates, plus!

Too much credit cannot be given to those who worked so hard, not only to insure a large class, but also to arrange the other activities involved in what can now be justly considered as the greatest Reunion we ever had. This was a great committee, a committee that began its plans even before the last Reunion ended and that never ceased in their activities until we plunged into the present Reunion. We list their names with a great deal of gratitude, expressing to them our deepest appreciation for all that they did to make the occasion such a success: James W. Brewer, 33°, General Chairman, Nelson B. Banks, 33°, and Robert W. Safrit, 33°, Co-Chairmen, A. A. Kafer, Jr., 33°, S. Frank Noble, 33°, and Johnny R. West, 33°.

"The 200 Reunion" is now a matter of history. It was a wonderful three days, reflected not only in the large number of candidates, but also in the tremendous number of our members who registered for the event. As usual, the degree teams performed admirably and it continues to be a source of admiration that our Brethren should exhibit such a high degree of dramatic skill. Our Brethren who perform so beautifully on the stage in the portrayal of the degrees have been long noted for their record of perfection in the exemplification of the degrees. Their performance during the three days of this Reunion served to intensify the inspiration which the candidates received during the Reunion.

The Tuesday evening Banquet hour was given to the awarding of the medals which had been won by the Brethren during the previous Reunion season. These Brethren received the beautiful Service Award Medals, suspended from a lovely ribbon, thus making a most attractive award. Many of these were worn by the Brethren during the Reunion. There was a large number of Brethren also who received the 32° jewelled cap for the service they had rendered. The number continues to grow each Reunion and is always indicative of the wonderful and enthusiastic work the Brethren are doing for the Craft.

Included in the evening's program was the presentation of a special gift to one who always delight in having and love to honor: Mrs. Sarah Johnston, the charming wife of our Inspector General. On Wednesday evening the Brethren were privileged to listen to an address by our distinguished visitor, the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Jacob C. Goodman, Jr., who delivered a very inspiring message which was enjoyed by all.

Our Spring Reunion will be held on April 10, 11 and 12, 1979.

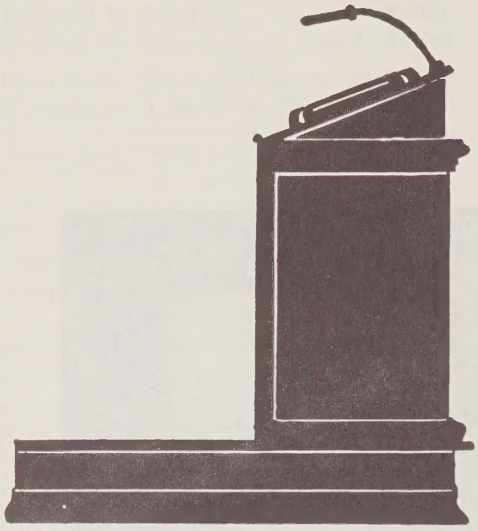
Please don't forget our annual Christmas Open House. It will be observed in the Temple on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, beginning at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing until 6:00 P. M. The Temple is always beautifully decoratated for this occasion and you will be thrilled with the Christmas motif as you visit your Temple on this occasion. Bring your family with you because Santa Claus has already promised to make his apperance at 4:00 o'clock. Santa Claus never ceases to thrill our people who have assembled at the time. Always there are many children who enjoy this occasion.

In the meantime, all of us in the office extend to you the wish that your Christmas will be filled with such moments of enjoyment and inner peace as will suit your individual need, together with an expression of hope for a Prosperous and Successful New Year.

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

KNOW THY WORTH

One of the greatest lessons to be found in the degrees of the Scottish Rite is that of taking an inward look at our own self. So much do we look at others, at things round about us, that we forget to look at ourselves. It is easier, true, to look at others, but much can be obtained by taking an inward look. Scottish Masonry, points your attention inward; it enables one to take stock of himself. In a real sense of the word—you get an opportunity to find yourself.

This is most important in our time. Our age is the age of the atom, of space travel, of thinking machines, of drugs that shape men's minds, of hidden persuaders, of assault on the very middle of life itself. The real question of our time, is the question of whether man can learn to combine morality with mentality, or to combine his head and his heart. We must take stock of ourselves. We must know our worth. Each of us must do as Thoreau did at Walden Pond, "To drive life into a corner and reduce it to its simplest terms."

The best way to do this, can be found in the lessons of our movement, "Know thy worth, and keep things under thy feet." As Emerson said, "Insist on your dignity and your essential worthfulness." Albert Pike tells us that in Scottish Masonry, "Man is again taught to look inward and upward to his God, a good, kind, and beneficient Father." Jesus taught in his simple Philosophy that all men are children of one father and must have mutual consideration one for another. This is the basis of the Masonic virtue of tolerance and forbearance. Actually this was the thought of the Maundy Thursday, when the Master gave the new Commandment to his disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." In order to really do this one must say "know thy worth."

You can carry no more dignity and honor across the street, than you have stored within. The quality of the inner man will surely work to the outside. Use what ever language you will, you can never say anything but what you are. If we think noble thoughts, chances are we will do noble deeds. I can think of no better way of putting, genuine dignity, into your private affairs, than the lessons given to us in our degrees. Unless one respects himself, he can hardly hope to respect his neighbor.

Therein is the question of the fullest life, something which Scottish Rite Masons and all other Masons should think of and pursue in its fullest sense. To really know thy worth one must place a value on one's self and then so live as to merit the price placed there on.

False doctrine is ever upon the alert, living and practicing right thinkings in a newer and more vigorous sense, can not be thrust aside now. Citizenship is something to be proud of. Its rights and freedom; here as no where else in all the world.

Let the schools remain free in a literal sense, yes, our own selves included. It is not too much to say these things, "to love one another," to serve one another and thus weld a better community. It was on this basis that Scottish Masonry was founded.

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GRATITUDE

When plans were being made for the "200 Reunion" an Advisory Committee was appointed to have full charge of all details connected with the Reunion. This Advisory Committee consisted of James W. Brewer, P.G.M., 33°, Chairman, assisted by Nelson B. Banks, 33°, Recorder of Sudan Temple, and Robert W. Safrit, 33°, Co-Chairmen; A. A. Kafer, Jr., P.G.M., 33°; Johnny R. West, 33°, and Frank S. Noble, P.G.M., 33°.

This Committee proceeded immediately to work and never in my experience have I observed a Committee proceeding more vigorously with the task in hand. The first thing they did was to get each community to accept a quota of petitions for the forthcoming Reunion and at a Kick-Off Dinner in September they discussed ways and means whereby the quota might be reached.

Following that, petitions began to arrive in the office in great numbers and it wasn't long before everyone could look with pride upon the achievement of the goal of 200 candidates.

Then came the Reunion! and the petitioners began to arrive in such numbers as to evoke enthusiasm among all the members. On the morning of Wednesday, November 15th, 202 candidates had actually registered following which the Enfield Brethren arrived before noon to swell the class to a 220 total! This 220 actually was augmented by one additional courtesy candidate from the Raleigh Bodies, Senator Jesse Helms.

Everyone was on the alert to catch the 200th candidate when he arrived for registration and this particular young man turned out to be Brother Bill Cherry from Stokes, N. C. He was immediately carried with the Advisory Committee to the home of Brother Shorty Kafer, who because of illness was unable to be present, and their pictures were made. This was the greatest Reunion we have ever had!

But this was to be only the beginning of the exciting events of the Reunion because it concluded with a banquet held in the auditorium of Sudan Temple at which at least 600 people attended. This banquet was in my honor and I was proud to have Senator and Brother Sam J. Ervin, Jr. as the guest speaker. The Inspector General, James G. Johnston, was there also with his wife, Sarah, as well as the Grand Master of Masons, Jacob C. Goodman and his wife, Nell, with a number of other close friends and dignitaries.

Perhaps the dinner was brought to a climax when Jimmy Brewer, 33°, who was Master of Ceremonies, turned the program over to Brother Nelson B. Banks. In his own inimitable manner Brother Banks presented to Secretary Bob first a Life Certificate in the Scottish Rite Bodies; then a beautifully bound volume of letters received from friends and Brethren all over the State; and then on top of all this, he proceeded to present the keys to a 1979 Buick Sedan as a gift from the Brethren, nor was this all, - Brother Banks stated that the Committee had received a surplus amount exceeding $3,000.00 which they were placing in a "Robert L. Pugh Trust Fund" to be used for the assistance of worthy applicants for the Scottish Rite degrees.

The evening program was a big surprise to me. Not one intimation had I heard from any of the members that anything of this nature was to take place. My wife and I were completely bewildered to think that the Brethren would come forth with such a beautiful expression.

Words fail completely in expressing our gratitude and we can only say that we will spend the rest of our lives being grateful. Thank you for the most beautiful expression of love we have ever received or could ever hope to receive.

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Masons Honor Robert Pugh

The Masons brought a three - day celebration to a close here Thursday with a dinner honoring New Bern's Robert L. Pugh, a distinguished Mason holding several degrees, and a man who from 1931 "until this morning has rendered honorable service," said guest speaker Hon. Sam Ervin Jr., retired U.S. Senator.

Shrine Temple Recorder Nelson Banks, who presented the keys of a 1979 Buick to Pugh, who was escorted with solemn ceremony to the head table as 600 Masons and degree - receiving candidates looked on at the Shrine Temple, said "in this dinner voice and expression is hereby given for all that his life represents."

Banks drew a round of laughter as he presented a specially bound book of letters praising Pugh, a superintendent for 30 years of the Craven County schools, when he noted that in the back of the book it contains a special map showing "the Dairy Queen trail from Murphy to Manteo."

Standing under the Mason's emblem of the scimitar over a crescent moon with the five - pointed star, Sen. "Sam" said Pugh "Exemplifies the highest degree of achievement for all Masons. He guides himself toward the compass of truth and wears unspotted the white lambskin of innocence."

Ervin, a Mason, was one of the honored guests along with several other dignitaries including Grand Masters from several states. Banks noted the 200 Reunion, as it was billed, sought to raise 200 candidates in degrees but that when they were counted there were 221, and pointed out that newly - re-elected U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, also at the head table, was the 221 candidate for a degree.

But Ervin, the former chairman of the Watergate Senate panel, noting that there is a "broad cross-section of men who are Masons," stressed that "we are not a political party. We believe in freedom but we do not ever call for armed revolt but encourage change through the proper channels.

"I often wonder" said Ervin, "what we would do without the patriotism and loyalty the Masonic order gives to America."

PUGH'S LIFE 'A MODEL'

He said "We pay homage to Robert Pugh, a man whose life has been a light and a model."

Banks, a long - time friend of Pugh, praised the 33rd - degree Mason for his "zeal" and "overwhelming contribution to education." Nelson noted that the Masons gathered at the temple had "spurned the saying that a prophet is without honor in his own country." He noted that in earlier celebrations Bob Pugh Day had been declared.

Pugh, with his wife Lottie on his arm, took the podium and, unlike his usual strong, outspoken speech - making ability, talked softly, his voice choked perhaps with tears of joy. As he said he was "most unworthy" to receive such an honor, the crowd rose to their feet for a standing ovation for Pugh, whose reputation is known outside the state to many others in the Masonic order.

Long thought of locally as a friend to education, Pugh was Superintendent of Craven County Schools for 30 years between 1937 and 1967.

Pugh began his work in the field as a 1925 graduate of Wake Forest College, teaching first at Fort Barnwell, then Jasper, then Brinson Memorial schools where each taught grades one through 12.

Pugh later became principal of Fort Barnwell and Dover schools after which he became substitute for former county school's superintendent R. S. Proctor in 1935-36. For one year during his career as an educator, Pugh left Craven County and served as principal of Mount Olive School in Wayne County, then returned

November 1978 Candidates

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as superintendent of Craven County Schools.

Also a Baptist minister, he was licensed to preach in 1920 and ordained by the First Baptist Church of New Bern for the Missionary Baptist Denomination in 1923. During his teaching career, Pugh also pastored several churches, the last of which was at LaGrange, where he served as pastor for 12 years.

CIVIC LEADER

Known to many in the area for his ability as a dinner speaker with wit, Pugh has been a Kiwanian, past president of the Lions Club, director of the Red Cross, a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, a Rotarian and past Rotary Club president and a member and officer in many education-related organizations including the post of President of the Superintendent's Division of the Northeastern Education Association.

Pugh plaudits include his selection as "Tar Heel of the Week" in 1962; the Craven County Board of Commissioners designated "Bob Pugh Day in Craven County" on May 20, 1967; the dedication of the "Robert L. Pugh Waterside Theater" near Brinson Memorial School by Craven County School personnel; the dedication of Craven County Board of Education's administrative building as "The Robert L. Pugh Building" in 1970; and the dedication of The Robert L. Pugh Meditation Center in the New Bern Scottish Rite Temple in 1973.

Among his distinctions as a Mason, York Rite Mason, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, Pugh has been elevated to the top position of leadership in each including installation as Potentate of Sudan Temple in 1974.

He began his dedication to Masonry with three degrees in one week from Doric Lodge 568 in 1931, when his father-in-law John C. Davis was Master Mason. By 1945 Pugh was Master of Doric Lodge 568 along with his active work in York and Scottish Rite Masonry.

As a York Rite Mason, many degrees and honorary degrees were conferred upon him and he was for several years Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Pugh has also held Scottish Rite positions including Secretary of Scottish Rite Bodies of New Bern and Executive Director of the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation.

Following Ervin's presentation of Pugh's distinguished life, Pugh thanked the Masons for the honors and called Ervin "a beautiful exponent of nothing but the best ... my all - time favorite senator.

"I'll spend the rest of my life being grateful," Pugh said, "and even that won't be enough. I'll try to do better."

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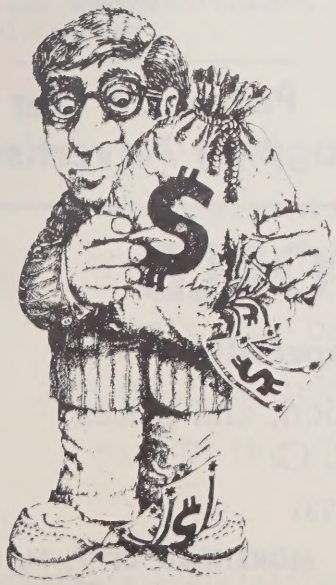

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Share some treasure.
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Forgive an enemy.
Think first of someone else.
Try to understand.
Appreciate, be kind; be gentle.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the world.
Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once more.

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SPEAKING IN QUOTES: One reason there are so many juvenile delinquents today is that their dads didn't burn their britches behind them.

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Your money goes further these days. In fact, a lot of it winds up in outer space.

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There's at least one ineligible football star at every college. Same old story---He COULD RUN AND KICK, BUT HE COULDN'T PASS.

* * *

There's nothing quite as pathetic looking in a hotel dining room as a salesman with an unlimited expense account and with ulcers.

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One way to save face is to keep the other half shut.

* * *

Taxation, like a lot of other things, is based on supply and demand. The Government demands, and we supply.

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SPEAKING WITH THE LADIES: A girl strings along with a guy only to see if he's fit to be tied.

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A Hollywood starlet had just broken off her engagement to her wealthy fiance. "I saw him in a swim suit one day," she explained, "and he looked so different without his wallet."

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The playful, middle-aged wolf sidled up to the brunette. "Where have you been all my life?" he asked.

She looked at him coolly and replied: "Well for the first half of it, I wasn't born!"

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A man who had been keeping company with a girl for several years took her to a Chinese restaurant. Studying the menu, he asked, "How would you like your rice--fried or boiled?"

Looking him straight in the eye, she replied, "Thrown."

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The eager-to-please hostess turned to the guest of honor and gushed: "I suppose I can't offer you wine. You are the head of the Temperance League, aren't you?"

"No," he replied, "I'm the head of the Anti-Vice League."

"Well," the flustered hostess explained, "I knew there was something I wasn't supposed to offer you."

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SPEAKING IN JEST: "Now, don't tell stories, Jimmy. You know your father never took you to the zoo in his whole life."

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SPEAKING FROM HIS BOOK: And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

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1. The Grand Master Jacob C. Goodman was an honored guest and spoke to the group on Wednesday.
2. From left to right, Secretary Bob Pugh, Director Nelson B. Banks, Grand Master Jacob C. Goodman, Mrs. Nell Goodman, Mrs. Doris Dudley, Grand Secretary Pete Dudley attended by Doris Scott.
3. Director Nelson Banks and Secretary Bob making presentation to Sarah Johnson.
4. Father, Son and Son-in-law were candidates: Jack D. Grady, Hilory Bert Smith and Emmett Marvin Smith.
5. Twins: William Edward Haskins and Roland Linwood Haskins.
6. The wonderful group of 32° cap winners.
7. Sarah proudly exhibits the gift of love from the New Bern Valley.
8. The newest edition to the Veterans Group, E. W. "Rip" Summerell receiving his Fifty Year Award from James W. Brewer, 33°, Chairman.
9. Distinguished guests from Charlotte including - l to r - Al Bennicke, Secretary Rick Moore with Leighton Moore sandwiched in between our own Reynold Davenport and Clarence Koonce.
10. This was it! Candidate NUMBER 200: Bill Cherry (Stokes) with the Advisory Committee and Secretary Laura Frances Wolfe at the home of A. A. "Shorty" Kafer, Jr.
11. Candidate NUMBER 200: Bill Cherry from Stokes was grabbed as soon as he registered.

"THE 200 REUNION" BANQUET

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1. The Advisory Committee with Lottie and Senators Sam Ervin, Jesse Helms and Inspector General James G. Johnston.

2. Before the dinner: Inspector General Johnston and Sarah with Mrs. Margaret Ervin and Senator Sam.

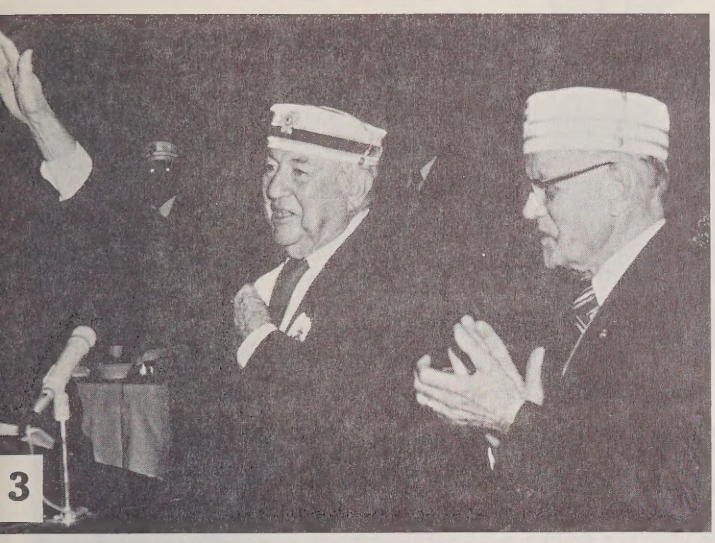
3. On being introduced Senator Sam takes over for his address.

4. A portion of the Pugh family at the dining table.

5. The banquet was held in Sudan Temple Auditorium, here are a portion of the diners.

6. Office Staff from Scottish Rite and Sudan Temple offices together with Eleanor Lee Heath.

— HONORING BOB PUGH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7. Autograph hunting, Jimmy Brewer and Bob Pugh obtaining autographs from Senator Helms while Mrs. Helms and Lucille Banks look on.
8. Inspector General James G. Johnston with Senator Ervin.
9. Master of Ceremonies, Jimmy Brewer, and Secretary Bob at the beginning of the Banquet.
10. Nelson Banks presenting Life Certificate to Secretary Bob while Lottie nods approval.
11. A gigantic book of letters, appropriately bound is also presented by Nelson Banks.
12. The climax of it all: 1979 Model Buick presented to Bob Pugh as a gift from the Brethren.
13. Secretary Bob expresses gratitude.

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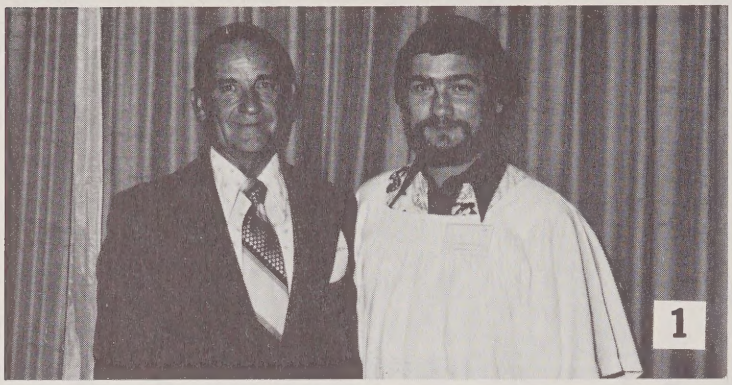

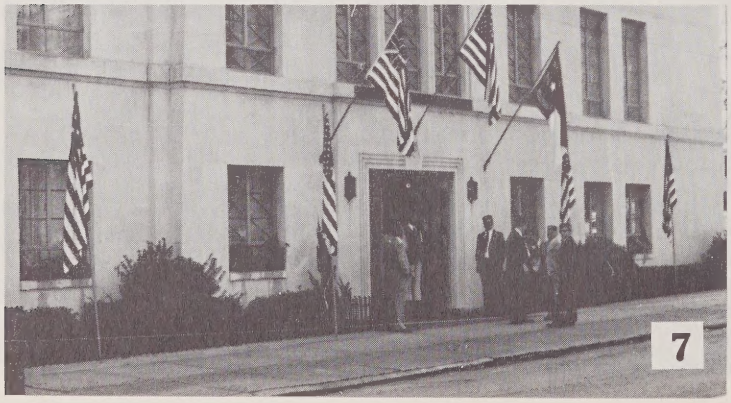

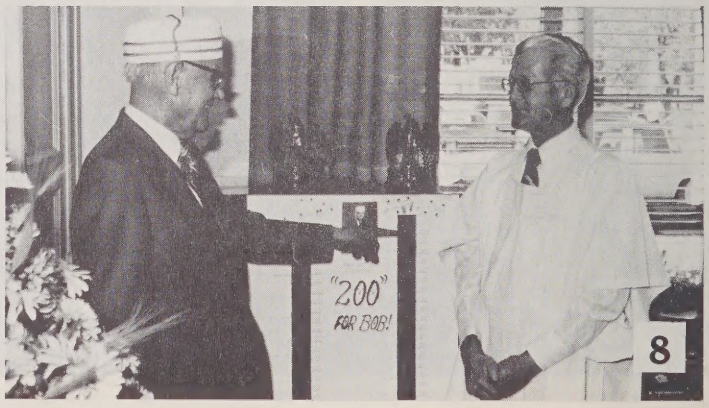

1. Father and son: Brother Willie R. Terry and Candidate David C. Terry both of Jacksonville.
2. Speaker's table during the Reunion enjoying refreshments.
3. The Steering Committee with Candidate No. 200: Bill Cherry from Stokes, taken at the home of Brother A. A. Kafer, Jr., ill member of the Committee.
4. The charming Sarah Johnston expressing appreciation for the gift from Scottish Rite.
5. New member of the Veteran's Club: Rip Summerell receiving 50 year Veteran's pin from the Ill. Jimmy Brewer, 33°.
6. Service Award Winners being presented the medals.
7. A striking view of the front of the Temple.
8. Candidate No. 200 immediately after he registered: Brother Bill Cherry from Stokes with our Secretary Bob Pugh.

SOMETHING ELSE

Mary Frances and I went south in October--all the way to Gulfport, Mississippi. Our daughter and her family live there, and its surely a long way by car. We didn't mind those long trips too much when we were younger, but nowadays we sort of look forward from one motel to the next--more interested in flopping than sightseeing.

Mary Frances says there is one motel, down in lower Georgia, she will not look forward to again. It was there, about two in the morning, that she awoke with an uncomfortable sensation. Switching on the light, she found herself eyeball to eyeball with a cockroach. She didn't sleep any more that night. The cockroach did, though--the sleep of the dead.

If I had a penny for each pine tree we passed--in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi--my financial future would be assured. I had sort of forgotten how the pines increase in numbers as you travel southward. I had also forgotten the Atlanta traffic. Terrible! Traffic south of Montgomery, though, was just the opposite. At one point we traveled almost 150 miles without having to reset the cruise control.

The cheapest state on that route (with signs posted) in which to litter is Georgia, they fine you only twenty-five dollars for littering there. North Carolina charges eight times that.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

The 55 mile per hour limit was generally ignored in all five states. And the various state patrolmen appeared to be generally ignoring the ignorers. During our entire 2,000 mile trip we saw only two speeders blue-lighted, one in Alabama and one in North Carolina. The troopers had to be mighty selective to pick out those two from the hundreds of candidates we saw.

The other end was worth the trip; the two grandchildren and their parents made us welcome, comfortable and happy.

Amy, the three-year-old, was behind me in the car's back seat one day and was immediately attracted by my bald spot. "Granddaddy!" she exclaimed, "somebody broke your hair."

Philip is five, and a little more reflective. He asked why we couldn't stay until his birthday--which is in May. I told him I had to get back to Raleigh and go to work. He asked where I worked and I told him I worked at the Grand Lodge office. "The Grand Lodge?" he asked. "Yep," I replied. He thought that over for a moment, then he asked: "Do you work at the Grand Lodge because you are a granddaddy?"

On the way home we detoured through our North Carolina mountains. According

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to the forecasters, we would catch the foliage at its peak color. When we arrived, though, we were told we were a week early. It's the same when I go fishing; "You should have been here yesterday," or "The fish won't come in again till after the next high tide."

But the mountain colors were still beautiful, and we made pictures of each other all over the place. I'm anxious to see how the pictures come out, Mary Frances usually cuts off my head in the pictures she makes. She says she doesn't know how she does it but I think the real kicker is *why* she does it.

We brought five bushels of apples home and we surely had to shop around to get them. The stands that are strategically placed to catch the tourists were charging over twice what we finally paid--and we got nicer apples. The apples were ripe enough and the sun was hot enough that we were afraid to put the apples in the trunk, so we put them in the back seat. We inhaled apple aroma and ate apples all the way from Asheville. It was a week later before I really wanted another apple.

It was a nice trip and we enjoyed it, but neither of us hanker to spend that much time in an automobile again any time soon.

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THE PRESENCE

Unfortunately, it is possible for a man to miss the real issues of life while mistaking the prelude to the symphony! The tensils of life oftimes become coverings for the gifts which lie beneath the coverings. Such a misunderstanding of the season through which we are now passin is regretably possible for each of us.

During this season each man, under the guidance of his personal and religious tradition, is called to recognize the fact that God has always made himself manifest to mankind. Whether it be the ancient prophet proclaiming the presence and claims of God or the recent prophet proclaiming the needs of our world. Each age has proclaimed that God created the world and all that is in it. It is further proclaimed that the created world was found to be good in the eyes of the Creator. The wilfulness of man abused the creation. A good God, beholding the condition of his world and man whom he had created, has ever been so concerned that he has invaded the world of man with his goodness and his love. His covenants and his statutes have ever been revealed to man.

God knows our weaknesses and desires to come among us with his great will. He has had redemption in his heart from the foundation of the world. We masons call it "The light of masonry". It is an eternal light which has ever shone amidst the darkness - and will forever shine. We must recapture once again the fact that there is an eternal purpose in life - a purpose which can never be fulfilled until we all recognize, and are captured by, the fact that God has come among us - and will ever be among us.

Regardless of our religious tradition, it must be recognized that nothing less than God, Himself, is at work among men who are open to receive His presence, guidance, covenants, and laws. Every Scottish Rite Mason is early taught this great truth. Mankind is called upon to recognize that God is among us and that we each have a responsibility to Him.

Therefore, this should be a season when we seek for the truth concerning God and

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

concerning ourselves in relation to his love and requirements for our life. It should be a time of introspection - a time when we review the covenants and count the blessings of God to each of us. It is only as we recognize the presence of God amongst us in his Holy Spirit that we are enabled to see eternal truth. When the Truth about God and ourselves is recognized and lived, the moral poison of society may be made clean and pure again. When this Spirit is resident in a man's heart, that man begins to see things differently.

Masons affirm that they have received light - but partially. They ever journey toward the True Light and desire a fuller awareness of that Light. Oftimes we lose sight of that shining light (glory of God) when we become absorbed by so many encumbrances, both material and theological, at this particular season.

Let this season remind us that God will always come to the shallow grave of Hiram and raise him to uprightness again. Hebrew, Christian, and all religions concern themselves with a personal search for the True and Living God. They celebrate the invasion of God among the sons of men. They rejoice over the victories which he has wrought for us. In Temple, Church, and Mosques well as family circles and among friends - it is a season of recognition that there is a Supreme Power which rules and governs this universe. They affirm that God speaks in divine and human form.

All of life should be a continuous affirmation that there is the revelation, the disclosure, the unveiling of the glory of Almighty God. God has laid bare his eternal purposes and inherent character for us all. God's perpendicular entry into history has made all the difference in the world throughout all ages and amidst all religions. This revelation, disclosure of a clear vision of the Great Architect of the Universe may be yours and mine - not only for a special season - but, for all time to be. This is the realization, the revelation, the assurance which is the Great light which all Masons seek. In that truth, I am privileged to wish each of you a happy, prosperous, and meaningful season. May "The Presence" abide with each of us forever.

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Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club, dispensed with their regular Nov. 9, regular meeting, and held an informal meeting, because of the beginning of the Fall Reunion on the 14th.

We were disappointed with the results of our efforts, however instead of allowing our failure to make us despondent, we hope to profit by our mistakes, and have greater success in the spring.

For two entire centuries after Augustus had assumed power, the world flourished and apparently prospered under the "Roman peace",. The ruins of Pompeii, the tale of destruction, show how well and how lazily the upper classes and even the masses lived. There were minor wars along the border and Britian was added to the empire during this time, but generally peace prevailed. The nations of the world intermingled freely, and discovered for the first time on earth, that they were much alike. The universal brotherhood of man may be not even yet fully recognized and welcomed; but the first step toward its acknowledgement was taken under imperial Rome.

This brings us to a very solemn thought. Many earnest men have believed that they see a divine Providence running through the whole course of history, and nowhere more obvious than here. They point to the careers of both Greece and Rome as being a special preparation for the coming of the Christ. The mission of Greece, they tell us, was to arouse the mind of man, to make him capable of thought and sensitive to spiritual beauty; That of Rome was to teach him the value of law and order and peace, and yet more, to draw all men together, that all might have opportunity to hear the lessons of the new faith.

Certain it is that at any earlier date it would have been practically impossible for a religion to spread beyond a single people. Not only was communication between the nations faint and intermittent, but they were so savage, so suspicious of each other, that a wanderer had to meet them weapon in hand. He must have a ship to flee to or an Army to his back. Now, however, under the restraint of Roman law, strangers met and passed without a blow. Latin, the tongue of law, was everywhere partly known. Greek was almost equally widespread as the language of art and culture.

The Hebrew, too, had done their share in the work of preparation. They had developed the religious sense, beyond any of the Aryan peoples. Their religion had become a part, the main part, of their daily lives. They believed it, not with the languid logic of the Romans, not with the sensuous pleasure of the Greeks, but fiercely, fervidly, with a passion that swept all reason to the winds.

Among them appeared the Christ, born in the days of Augustus, crucified in those of Tiberius. His teaching was mainly the doctrine of love, which Buddha had announced five hundred years before, but which was new to the Roman world; and the promise of life beyond the grave, which many races had more or less believed in, but which never before had been made to carry a vision of such splendor and such glory. He also advocated non-resistence to enemies a principle which the early Church obeyed, but which has found small favor among the masses of later Christians.

These teachings, then, were none of them wholly unconceived before; but they were enforced by a life as pure, a manner so earnest, as compelled respect. Converts became many; and one of these at least took literally the command of the Master, to proclaim the faith to all peoples of the earth. The Apostle Paul, stepping beyond the narrow of Judea, preached Christianity to mankind.

Then may we study the prophets of the Old Testament, for they predicted the coming of Christ, and their prophecies have been fulfilled. "They, said he, both glorified the Creator, the God and Father

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of all, and proclaimed his Son the Christ sent by him. May we then pray that, above all things, the gates of light may be opened to us, for these things cannot be perceived or understood by all, but only by him to whom God and his Christ have imparted wisdom.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Sec.

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

Jesse Williams, a 32 degree K.C.C.H. Mason was elected president of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club for the year 1979. The installation will be held January 7, 1979, at Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th. St. Jesse is a new comer to Beaufort County, having come here from Washington, D. C. in 1975. Having retired from government service he and his wife, Georgia, reside in Bath.

Other officers elected were, George Gillespie Vice president; Ronald Fortiscue, Secretary; Wm. Roebuck, assistant Secretary; Robert Gordon, (also a new comer to Beaufort County) Treasurer; Charles Baldwin, assistant Treasurer. Robert Gordon and his wife Betty, came to Washington from Raleigh and they reside in Chocowinity. Herman Jones, Meyer Libman, Albert (Peck) Lassiter and Virgil (Bud) Dowden were elected members of the Board of Directors.

The meeting was held Sunday evening November 5th at the Washington Lodge, it was a charcoaled steak cook-out with 34 members present. Carolyn Walls and Wm. Brown were the guests of Ronald Fortiscue.

President Herman Jones presided and Julian Vann gave the invocation. George Gillespie and Meyer Libman with their wives served as host.

Jesse Williams reported on the Ladies Night Party and dance which was a Tri-County affair of Martin, Washington and Beaufort Counties and was held in Williamston October 19th.

Ashley Leggett made an appeal for candidates for the Reunion to be held at the Temple in New Bern, November 14, 15, and 16. It was announced that the quota for Beaufort County has been met but some Counties were short of their quota. He said it was not too late to bring in more candidates.

It was decided to donate $75 to the Washington Lodge #675 for the use of their facilities.

Robert Mohler and Ashley Leggett and their wives were asked to arrange for a Christmas Party to be held December 3rd at the Washington Lodge. It was decided that each man is to bring a gift for a man and each lady is to bring a gift to a lady. The gifts are not to exceed $2 each. This will be a covered-dish supper. The attire will be casual.

Meyer Libman invited members of the club to attend their eighth wedding anniversary in Plymouth February 11th.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Cumberland County Scottish Rite Club

The annual business meeting of the Cumberland County Scottish Rite Club will be held at the Masonic Center on Village Drive in Fayetteville at 7:30 PM, January 20, 1979.

In addition to business of the Club, officers for the year, 1979 will be elected. Club plans for 1979 will be discussed and established. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend.

Present Club Officers:
President - Harry M. Sherman, 32°
1st V. Pres. - James Hay, 32°
2nd V. Pres. - William O. Reynolds, 32°
Sec-Treas. - Charles C. Powers, 32°
Sgt/Arms - Ira O. Heath, Jr., 32°

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
James Hay

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held in Franklin Lodge No. 109 on Nov. 6, 1978.

The meeting was called to order by the President Bro. Ottis Jefferson, Jr., 32° K.C.C.H. The topics of discussion were the success of the Scottish Rite Ladies Night which was held at the Carteret County Shrine Club on October 27th with approx. 200 members, Ladies, and prospective candidates in attendance, and the final preparations to be made for the up-coming Reunion. All members were urged to make a final last minute effort to secure more candidates. As of this date, the number of candidates secured is very encouraging.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Asa B. Buck, Jr., Secy

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met, on this date Oct. 26th at 7:30 at The Lenoir County Shrine Club, The invocation was given by Brother Bill Leggett, 33°. A delicious supper by The Neuse Chapter 347 was enjoyed by all 24 members, and one candidate, Brother Milton Casper.

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After supper the meeting was called to order by Brother George Howard, in the absence of Brother Charlie Potter, Brother Bill Leggett, gave a short talk, on the forth coming reunion, and candidates for the November reunion were discussed, it looks like we will meet our Quota and a few over. We will be trying to double that, Pleasant Hill Lodge # 304 will be where we will have the most. It was voted by the club to send our check for The Aphasia Project, sponsored by the Temple, our check for this year will be $42.00.

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting was adjourned, and the Benediction given by Brother Bill Leggett.

Marvin Kornegay, Sec.

Morehead City - Beaufort Ladies' Night Party

The Carteret County Scottish Rite Club held its dinner Friday Night, October 27th at the Shrine Building in Beaufort, N. C. with 208 present.

Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening. The speaker, Judge Herbert Phillips was very interesting and the meal was delicious.

Our meal, prepared by the Carteret County Shrinette Club, served turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, garden peas. The dessert was also very good.

Harry C. Rivers, Pres.
Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club Ladies Night and installation of Officers for 1979 was held at the Masonic Temple on West Nash Street in Wilson, N. C. Nov. 1, 1978 at 6:45 P. M.

The invocation by Brother Claude Anthony was preceded by singing of America led by our entertainers, for the evening Mrs. Cheryl De Amato accompanied on the Piano by Mrs. Ann Woodard.

After a delicious meal served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star we were entertained by Mrs. DeAmato and Mrs. Woodard, who did an outstanding job and were enjoyed by all.

Brother Evans gave both ladies a nice gift for their performance on behalf of the Club, which he had donated at no cost to the Club.

President Evans welcomed all the Ladies, Members and guests and introduced brother Johnny West, 33° from New Bern who gave a very inspirational and informative talk on the efforts to obtain candidates for the "200 for Bob Class" on Nov. 14 to 16.

Brother W. R. Redding, Sr. introduced our second speaker for the evening brother Neal Vester, 33°, also from New Bern who gave a very interesting and informative talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

After concluding his speech brothers Vester and West installed the newly elected officers of Wilson County Scottish Rite Club in a very impressive Ceremony and turned the meeting dues to Brother Evans who stood in Proxy for President Ray Adams who was absent due to illness.

Benediction was given by brother C. C. Burris and brother Evans declared the meeting closed at 8:45 P. M.

Attest: J. B. Purcell
Secretary

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Happiness is giving,
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Happiness is telling'
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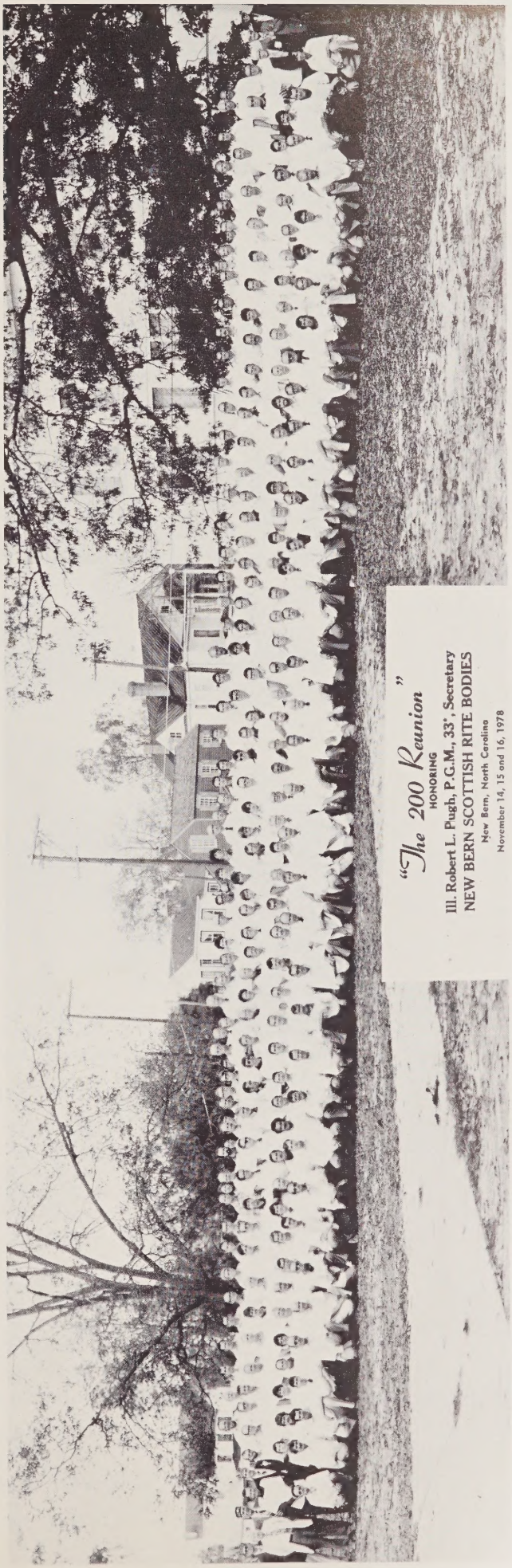
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